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Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention that one of the publications cited in the specification of the instant application is an entire book (i.e., Serruys, P.W. and Kutryk, M.J.B, Handbook of Coronary Stents, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (1998) Martin Dunitz Ltd., London, United Kingdom). Although the citation of the book is given on the attached Form PTO-1449, a copy of this publication is not enclosed as part of this communication. This publication merely describes the state of the art and, therefore, is not material to the patentability of the claimed invention. Applicants submit that the identification of this book on the attached Form PTO-1449 satisfies their duty of disclosure under U.S. patent law.

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